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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending and have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fujimoto (USPN 6141991) and under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Budinski (6305194) as modified by Takano (JP 01226745).

Applicant provides new claims 5 and 6 to further define the invention. As compared to new Claim 5, neither Fujimoto nor Budinski as modified by Takano teach the depressions/projections on the inner tip of the molding core along with the configuration of the intermediate member and the first and second core members whereby a platform is formed on the second core member for receiving the intermediate member and the intermediate member has a hole for receiving the lens preform and the end tip of the first core member.

As none of the references teach the stated limitations now recited in new claims 5 and 6, Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims are now patentable.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. The fee of \$120.00 for the extension is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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